

13 December 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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1. Mr. [REDACTED] of the Security Office and the undersigned called on Mr. John E. Lawyer, Chairman of the Board of Appeals in the Department of Labor, which board considers appeals under the Federal Employees Compensation Act.

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2. The widow of Mr. [REDACTED], an ECA employee, previously had filed a claim under the Act which the BEC had denied. From discussions with Mr. Lawyer, it was my impression that the record forwarded by BEC indicated that it had had available to it certain classified information which was not a matter of record. Since the Board of Appeals acts only on the record, Lawyer indicated they were in a dilemma and probably would be forced to remand the case for either payment or further hearing.

3. We explained to Mr. Lawyer that we had through our processes secured a security clearance on him and we wished to be of assistance in whatever way possible since in this particular case, certain of the information contained in Army files was classified by CIA and could not at this time be declassified. After considerable discussion, it was tentatively agreed that clearances would be obtained on the other members of the Board looking toward appropriate classified information being made available to the Board with a clear understanding that it would not be passed on to Mrs. [REDACTED] or her attorney, nor would it be included in the record.

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4. Mr. [REDACTED] will undertake to secure these clearances and he will also discuss with G-2 whether or not any classified file had been made available by them to BEC. If so, it is believed desirable that the same file, after clearances are obtained, should be made available to the members of the Board of Appeals. If no file had been furnished on a classified basis to BEC, CIA probably should negotiate with Army looking toward making an appropriate file available both to BEC and the Board.

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Deputy General Counsel

cc: Security

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